

CITY OF MUSKEGON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

October 5, 2010

Chairperson J. Hilt called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. and roll was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Hilt, S. Kroes, L. Spataro, D. Mayville, S. Radtke

MEMBERS ABSENT: L. Wood, K. Panozzo, excused

STAFF PRESENT: M. Franzak, D. Leafers

OTHERS PRESENT: J. Thompson, 1693 Jefferson; T. Halterman, 1642 Jefferson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 7, 2010 was made by S. Kroes, supported by D. Mayville and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

Case 2010-14 – 1693 Jefferson Street. Applicant: John Thompson. District: Jefferson. Class: AA. Current Function: Residential. M. Franzak presented the staff report. The applicant is seeking approval to install two rain gutters; one located on the main roof over the porch, and the other on the porch roof over the steps. Rain run-off is damaging the wooden porch. Staff recommends approval of the project.

D. Mayville asked if the new gutters would match the existing ones on other parts of the home. J. Thompson stated that they would. He explained the need for the gutters and had photos of the water damage to the porch.

A motion that the HDC approve the request to install the rain gutters as proposed, as long as all zoning requirements are met and the necessary permits are obtained, was made by D. Mayville, supported by S. Kroes and unanimously approved.

L. Spataro arrived at 4:11 p.m.

Case 2010-13 – 1642 Jefferson Street. Applicant: Todd Halterman. District: Jefferson. Class: AA. Current Function: Residential. M. Franzak presented the staff report. This case had been tabled from the September meeting. The applicant is seeking approval to add a privacy fence in the rear of the lot and to rehab the front entrance, which will include a new door. Photos of the fence style and proposed front entrance were provided. Staff recommends approval of the projects.

T. Halterman stated that he would like to erect a 6-foot wooden fence along part of his yard to provide some privacy on that side of the house. The fence would be the same style as what was currently in place in other parts of the yard, and would not extend beyond the front of the home.

Board members and the applicant discussed the front entranceway of the home and whether it was original to the home. T. Halterman stated that it appeared that the side porches and the front entranceway were added to the home after the original construction. He stated that the railing at the top of the entrance was in bad shape and needed to be removed or replaced. He preferred to remove it. M. Franzak stated that the building inspector had determined that the railing was not required by building code. T. Halterman also wanted to replace the front door, and provided a picture of the proposed new door. He requested approval to remove the glass panels from between the front entranceway columns, as well. He hoped that increased air flow would help the space dry out better.

A motion that the HDC approve the request add a privacy fence as proposed, as long as it matches the existing fence, to replace the front door, and to rehab the front entrance by removing the glass panels and top railing as proposed as long as all zoning requirements are met and any necessary permits are obtained, was made by D. Mayville, supported by S. Kroes and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

None

OTHER

Discussion – M. Franzak spoke to board members about programs offered by the Historic Preservation Network. They also discussed historic preservation tax credits and the Certified Local Government program. The City's historic preservation ordinance would need to be updated in order to qualify for that program.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

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